

(b) whether any of these missiles has been test fired by Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) In a press release, Pakistan claimed that it had successfully tested the Anza surface to air missile and the Bakhtar Shikan anti-tank guided missile on 23rd July, 1997.

(c) Government are carefully and continuously assessing Pakistan's externally aided missile programme and its implications for the country's security. Based on our own threat perceptions, Government are committed to taking all necessary steps to ensure that the national security is not endangered.

Non-Alignment Movement

3483. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NAM has lost its relevance as a world forum for airing independent views and taking concerted actions on global political issues;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of meetings of NAM leaders held after the break-up of the former Soviet Union;

(d) the direction given to the non-alignment movement by these conferences in regard to facing the new global realities and shaping its reactions and formulating its strategy; and

(e) the details of reactions expressed or action taken in respect of world events since the break-up of the former Soviet Union?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) to (e) The non-Aligned Movement plays a prominent role in projecting collective views of the developing countries on global political, security, economic, social and environmental issues and continues to have relevance in present international scenario. After the break-up of the former Soviet Union, the Non-Aligned Movement has held two Summit Meetings, in Jakarta, Indonesia in 1992 and in Cartagena, Colombia in 1995. Inter-Summit Ministerial Meetings were held in Cairo in May, 1995 and in New Delhi in April, 1997. Additionally, the NAM Coordinating Bureau meets in New York from time to time, at the level of Permanent Representatives, to attend to urgent work and to review important developments in the international field. The Movement has been given directions to work unitedly for the objective of a new, democratic world order, free from want, fear and intolerance, and built on peace, justice, equality, democracy and respect for the principles of the United Nations, Charter of International Law and International Humanitarian Law. The Movement has

closely followed world events since the break-up of the former Soviet Union and the reactions of the Movement are contained in the Final Documents and Declarations issued at the conclusion of the Summit and Ministerial meetings, as well as in Communiqués issued from time to time.

[Translation]

Unemployment Allowance

3484. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated or being formulated by the Union Government to provide employment and 'unemployment allowances' to the educated unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received any demand, memorandum and proposals from various organisations, political parties during the last five years for providing employment or 'unemployment allowances' to the educated unemployed youths;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the names of the States and Union Territories where 'unemployment allowances' are being provided and the extent thereof; and

(g) the details of funds provided or being provided for the purpose by the Union Government to the State Governments, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. No scheme for unemployed allowance is contemplated. However, this Ministry is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Eradication Programmes namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP).

NRY :- Launched in October, 1989 with the objective of generating employment opportunities for the urban poor living below the poverty line. The employment contemplated is of two types : One type relates to providing self-employment by way of assisting beneficiaries in setting-up Micro Enterprises while the other type relates to the generation of wage employment through the creation of useful public assets and also through the housing and shelter upgradation.

PMIUPEP : Launched in November, 95 seeks to address the economic, social and physical dimensions of urban poverty in urban agglomerations with population between 50,000 to 1,00,000 as per the 1991 census and Hill District Town of Hilly/N.E. States with population less than one lakh as per the 1991 census,

with a multi-pronged, integrated approach. Encouraging unemployed and under-employed urban poor to set up small enterprises relating to servicing, petty business and manufacturing, is one of the many components of the programme. Those in the selected towns living below the poverty line and educated upto IXth standard are covered under this component.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) In view of the above does not arise.

[English]

Grant for Bihar

3485. SHRI THOMAS HANSDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of grant sanctioned and released by the Union Government for Bihar particularly for Jharkhand region during the last three years;

(b) whether State Government has urged the Planning Commission for additional grant for this region; and

(c) if so, the total grant demanded and sanctioned for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) The outlays for the Annual Plan are finalised by the Planning Commission in consultation with the State Government for the State as a whole and not for any specific area of the State. The net normal Central assistance allocated and released to Bihar during the last 3 years are as follows :

(Rs. crore)

Annual Plan	Amount allocated	Amount released
1994-95	947.31	890.32
1995-96	1053.86	1008.31
1996-97	1276.98	1109.83

(b) and (c) Question Does not arise.

[Translation]

Influx of Rural Population

3486. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the urban population is increasing at a very fast rate each year due to exodus of people from the rural areas to the urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to check the exodus of people from rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Available data indicate that urban population is increasing at a fast rate partly due to the migration of people from the rural areas to the urban areas, and to a larger extent due to natural increase in population.

(b) People migrate to urban areas because of prosperity pull factors (attraction of cities for jobs) and poverty-push factors (poor living conditions in rural areas). High natural growth in population is attributable to high (birth rate - death rate) differential in urban areas.

(c) The Government of India has adopted a two-pronged approach to deal with the problems of migration of population from villages to the cities. These are development of rural areas and upgradation of living conditions of the rural poor through a number of rural development and employment generation schemes such as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Employment Assurances Scheme (EAS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Rural Water Supply (RWS) etc., and development of selected regional urban growth centres to enable them to emerge as places of economic growth and employment opportunities for surrounding rural hinterlands through the scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT).

[English]

Jurisdiction of CAT

3487. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Department of Education has of late approached the Department of Personnel and Training to bring employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan under the jurisdiction of CAT;

(b) if so, whether the request has since been acceded to this request;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Question of bringing the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and some other